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1. Bulletproof glass is made in the DDR only by Verbundglass G.m.b.H., Potsdam-Kabelsberg, Fritz Zubeil-Strasse 36. Founded as a private company in 1934 the firm has, so far, managed to evade nationalization in spite of the fact that most of its business is done with government offices, including the Zentral-Bestellungs-Kontor (central ordering office), Potsdam, and that the director, Dr. Petrie* is a convinced member of the SED.

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2. Production is greatly hampered by the lack of the binding material, Mowolith, an artificial resin (Polyvinylacetate) Of the required 44 tons only 2.7 tons were received during 1951. The Buna plant in Schkopau has been attempting to make a substitute but this is nowhere near the production stage yet. The quality of the glass available also leaves much to be desired and some 30% to 40% has to be discarded in the cutting process. Thus, 1 m² of glass produces on an average only one tank-slit window measuring about 14 cm by 7 cm.
3. During 1951, 8,000 m² bulletproof glass were delivered, and another 8,000 m² have been ordered for 1952, both by the Zentral-Bestellungs-Kontor, Potsdam.

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